

DADE HERITAGE TRUST, INC.
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the July 13, 1982 Meeting

The July meeting was called to order by President Blake at the residence of trustee John W. Clark, 3696 Bayview Road, Coconut Grove, Florida 33133 at 7:40 P.M.. Present were: Blake, Bishop, Wood, Beilenson, Caldwell, Clark, Jude, King, Matkov and Exec. Dir. Thompson. Excused Absent: Slesnick, Miller, Paul, Pimm. Unexcused: Taylor.

Thompson explained materials presented to each Trustee which included the agenda, minutes of the June 10, 1982 Board of Trustees Meeting, organizational priorities, membership preference survey and copies of preservation articles.

The minutes of the June 10, 1982 Board of Trustees meeting were approved as mailed and circulated.

OLD BUSINESS

DOTSON BEQUEST

Trustee Slesnick has forwarded to DHT a copy of the pertinent parts of the Wills of Harry H. Dotson and Martha J. Dotson, reflecting a testamentary bequest of the property, 1733 Espanola Drive, Coconut Grove, Florida, to DHT. A motion was made and seconded that DHT publicly thank them at the DHT September general membership meeting after consulting them regarding their desires.

BROWN/KRAMER STATUS REPORT

Blake and Thompson reported that they have had two positive meetings with representatives of the Downtown Development Authority and the City of Miami Parks Department, about moving the coral rock house across North Bayshore Drive into Margaret Pace Park. The deadline for moving the house is January 1983. Peter Andolina of the DDA and Ralph Gonzalez of Parks met with Mayor Ferre (who sits as chairman of the DDA) and sought his approval, mentioning the project would cost about \$200,000.00. The Mayor's response was positive, if all can be worked out with Tibor Hollo. Mayor Ferre thought use as a restaurant is a good possibility. Thompson prepared a rough site plan and conceptual house-use plan for a restaurant July 12 and forwarded copies to DDA and the Parks Department. No response as yet has been received. The site plan could be used for the City to begin test coring to determine foundation requirements necessary for costing house emplacement. The City has volunteered to do the coring. A proposal will be made to the City Commission in September for project approval with Developer Hollo's company paying for the move and all related costs.

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SHPO - ERTA TAX CONFERENCE - JULY 15

Thompson reported that Ross Morrell (State) had called, offering to pay for and/or reduce fees for some DHT designated attendees. Nowhere in any literature or public notice did DHT's or any other "co-sponsor's" name appear. With 50 needed as break-even, at last count Monday, 44 had signed up for the seminar. It was decided that DHT should attempt to set up a membership display outside the session or at least distribute DHT membership materials.

TOURS

Jude reported that Herb Hiller has completed his out-of-the country business and is again ready to organize tours for DHT. It was suggested that he might attend and make a presentation to the DHT membership at the September meeting of the general membership.

NEXT DHT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Jude reported that Sharon Clark had visited several sites, and that South Miami's Audubon House looked best. About 50 can be seated in the living room, with more on the porch, and the grounds are spacious. The meeting is scheduled for September with the exact date to be announced.

MAJOR SOCIAL EVENT

DHT member Grace Wing Bohne has graciously agreed to be the honorary chairperson of DHT's tenth anniversary social event, probably a December tea dance. Sharon Clark is coordinating, and investigating the historical "Palm Fete", one of the earliest such programs, as a possible model. Also, she is seeking a proper historic site. The Vanderbilt Mansion people have not responded positively, but Santa Maria (Mayor Ferre's former residence) is possible.

BUTLER BUILDING UPDATE

Thompson, in a meeting with the DDA and City Parks, strongly urged Parks to start restoration. Gonzalez of Parks said restoration funds are in hand. The new Hyatt hotel extension (former Bauder Fashion College) needs part of the Butler park land for driveway purposes, so Parks is attempting to urge the developer to contribute to the park landscaping fund with an appropriate trade off. Negotiations are incomplete at this time. The Butler Building is deteriorating rapidly. Thompson's close inspection of the exterior shows the roof in bad shape, support beams rotting, siding damage all around and the enclosing security fence incomplete, permitting vagrants to find shelter underneath the house.

ANTIQUÉ SHOW

Julianne Bishop reported that the Clark Antique Show people are still in litigation with Miami Beach, so no resolution is at hand whether or not they can participate with DHT's show. The publicity committee is working well, with ads placed, resulting in a good flow of contracts for exhibition space. A contract with the City of Miami has not as yet been signed by DHT.

DHT'S STATE OF FLORIDA RECORDS

Blake announced that we now have on file official copies of the Trust's Articles of Incorporation and every year's Annual Reports. However, we did not file the 1981-82 IRS Form 990 by its May 15 deadline, and DHT may be accruing a daily fine as prescribed by IRS Code. The accountant is now developing our six-month statement with Fund accounting method as well as preparing last year's Form 990. He will help DHT seek a waiver of any penalty, which is seldom levied against non-profit corporations but nonetheless is a possibility.

BY-LAWS

Blake went over the history of the By-Laws, noting their previous amendment dates of 1973 and 1976. He related his objectives in preparing the proposed revisions. The newly revised By-Laws, having been presented to each Board member 30 days prior to the meeting, were thoroughly scrutinized. Board members Pimm and Miller, both out of town, had given Thompson several suggestions for changes to the proposed By-Laws, which were included in discussions. Clark moved, Matkov seconded and the Trustees present, constituting a quorum, voted unanimously to adopt the proposed fully revised By-Laws as amended after lengthy discussion. A copy of the newly revised By-Laws is attached hereto as an official part of this record, marked Exhibit "A".

NEW BUSINESS

HIGGS RESIGNATION

It was announced that InaMarie Higgs had resigned by letter from the Board of Trustees to pursue private business. The Board of Trustees by motion duly made and seconded voted to accept her resignation with regrets, and acknowledged by letter from President Blake on behalf of the Board should be made.

DADE COUNTY HP BOARD

The most recent meeting of HPB was attended by Blake, Clark and Thompson. Several amendments to the County Ordinance will be presented to the Commission at its September 15 meeting. The two most important are: elimination of 15-day wait period after notification of pending designation before the moratorium becomes effective; and jurisdiction over County-owned property in municipalities under the HP Ordinance. Discussions were lengthy on the downtown library controversy and on school properties, which are under the jurisdiction of the School Board and not Metro. The appeal by the owners of Devonwood, recently designated by the County HP Board, will come before the Commission at its October meeting. The attorney (Eugene Stearns-374-4800) for the owners of the Lingren House (Redlands) made a unique offer to the HP Board at the public hearing regarding designation of that house. The owners would agree to designation and will donate the house to the County at such time as the property might be sold, and at that time, the County would pay for moving it to another site so

full advantage of property land values can be appreciated by the owners. Although there may be legal problems, the Board felt that a positive initial response should be given. A letter would be sent not contracting, but agreeing in principle with the proposal so that a negotiated arrangement can be reached. DHT was mentioned by Board member Ted Baker as a possible participant in the arrangement, which Blake agreed with.

CITY OF MIAMI HERITAGE CONSERVATION BOARD

Deadline for filing was Monday, July 12. Thompson read the complete list of applicants. Notable from the Trust were Les Beilenson, John Clark, Don Slesnick, Gary Greenan, Arva Moore Parks and Charles Chase. Total applicants: 16. The Commission is scheduled to select the HC Board on July 22.

FLORIDA TRUST REPORT

Sallye Jude reported that FTHP received a grant from the National Trust to computerize records and improve organizational abilities. Also, the FTHP is accepting award nominations for individual projects, organizational efforts and individuals who have contributed greatly to preservation. Deadline for submission to this contest is September 1. The Junior League's Coral Gables fire station was discussed as a nominee, and DHT might also self submit. The FTHP annual meeting is scheduled for Jacksonville, October 29-30, 1982. Blake urged as many DHT members as possible should attend.

MAYOR FERRE AND MIAMI PUBLICATION

Blake announced that a meeting is set with the Mayor for July 20 (Blake, Jude, Matkov, Thompson) to discuss the Mayor's idea of a quality "book" about Miami, which DHT might publish or coordinate the production thereof.

REP. DANTE FASCELL MEETING

Following a letter to Congressman Fascell, one of his aides called, telling Thompson that a dinner meeting after the August break would be acceptable (Fascell is up for reelection). It was suggested that the various HP boards in effect might be invited, perhaps for cocktails and/or dinner, at a location in his district. Slesnick, S. Clark, Blake and Thompson will work out details. The concept was approved without budget by the Board.

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES' QUESTIONNAIRE

The Trust will be sending a questionnaire to all political candidates later this summer requesting their positions toward preservation. The questionnaire is to be prepared under the supervision of Trustee Slesnick. Results will be published in the newsletter and the media notified.

FREEDOM TOWER

Blake and Thompson have talked with Mr. Eli Fineberg, Executive Vice President of Venture Development, Inc., developers of the Freedom Tower (old Miami News building) site, about DHT's possible involvement with the Tower's future. Mr. Fineberg stated that plans for its use, including presentation of its history, are "embryonic" at this point. Blake and Thompson will meet with him soon to open conversations, and will report to the Board. Blake and Thompson also attended the kickoff luncheon for the project along with Arva Parks. Governor Bob Graham made a strong statement for preservation during his comments on the project.

ASTA

The American Society of Travel Agents meets in Miami in October, the first convention in the new Knight Center. Mrs. Jude suggested DHT might prepare a display there. Several other suggestions were made for DHT participation, including that Thompson talk with Herb Hiller about a flyer or documentation of local preservation efforts their packets.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul E. Thompson
Executive Director - DHT

For: Mr. Gordon Pimm
DHT Secretary

REVIEWED BY: Blake